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In re Application of :  
James Hanmer : DECISION ON PETITION  
Application No. 09/517,089 :  
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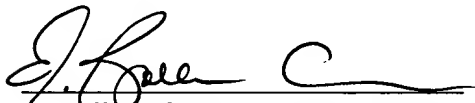
This is a decision on the petition filed on April 24, 2003 by which petitioner requests withdrawal of the holding that this application stands abandoned for failure to file a reply to the Office letter dated February 11, 2002. No fee is required for the petition.

The petition is granted.

Petitioner alleges that this application is abandoned because a timely reply to the Office letter in question was in fact filed. In support of this allegation, petitioner has included a copy of the reply and a copy of the filing receipt for the reply showing that the reply was received in the Office on February 27, 2002. This showing suffices to establish that the application is not abandoned.

Accordingly, the Notice of Abandonment is hereby vacated, the holding of abandonment is withdrawn, and the application is restored to pending status. The application is being forwarded to the examiner for action on the reply filed on February 27, 2002.

PETITION GRANTED.

  
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